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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES BY POSTS - 2FAM 283

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1. EMBASSY KINGSTON REQUESTS APPROVAL TO RETAIN PRIVATE LAW FIRM ON YEARLY BASIS TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO EMBASSY CONSULAR, ADMINISTRATIVE, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SECTIONS.

2. CONSULAR SECTION NEEDS FREQUENT LEGAL ADVICE IN ORDER TO PROTECT RIGHTS OF ARRESTED AMERICAN CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY INDIGENT AMERICANS WHO CANNOT AFFORD PRIVATE COUNSEL. THIS SERVICE WAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED GRATIS BY A LOCAL LAW FIRM, BUT THIS SERVICE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. CONSULAR SECTION ALSO HAS MANY CASES INVOLVING PROPERTY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE REMITTANCES WHICH REQUIRE LEGAL ADVICE.

3. RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH LAW FIRM WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR LEGAL CONSULTATION BY ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY INCLUDING COMMERCIAL LAW, CONVEYANCING AND LITIGATION. IT WOULD NOT COVER SERVICES WHICH MAY BE RELATED TO SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS SUCH AS WRITTEN LEGAL OPINIONS, LEASES, LAND PURCHASES, LITIGATION ON BEHALF OF THE EMBASSY, ETC.
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4. EMBASSY PROPOSES RETAIN LAW FIRM OF MYERS, FLETCHER, GORDON, MANTON & HART, PARK PLACE, 21 EAST STREET, KINGSTON, JAMAICA. FIRM IS ONE OF MOST PRESTIGIOUS IN JAMAICA. PARTNER DOUGLAS FLETCHER IS FORMER JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. FIRM HAS TWENTY-SEVEN ATTORNEYS ON STAFF COVERING ALL MATTERS OF LAW. FIRM IS LISTED IN

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EMBASSY LIST OF ATTORNEYS.

5. RETAINER FEE IS J$6,000 (US$4,448) PER YEAR. FEE
INCLUDES YEARLY PREPARATION AND REVISION OF CONSULAR
INFORMATION SHEET ON LEGAL MATTERS IN JAMAICA AND CONDUCTING
LEGAL SEMINARS FOR EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY
77 A-4446.

COST OF SEMINAR AND LEGAL INFORMATION SHEET ALONE WOULD BE
J$1,000 OR US$750.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO
RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH LAW FIRM.
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